Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:

(i) Acopy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. GSR. 582 (E) dated the 2t* September, 2006, publishing the Service Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2006, under sub-section 4 of the section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, togetherwith Explanatory Memorandum on the Notification. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4977/06]

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

1. GS.R. 472 (E) dated the 10th August, 2006, amending G.S.R. 138 (E), dated the 1" March, 2003, so as to provide that Small Scale Industries excise duty exemption will not be available to power driven pumps designed to handle water not conforming to standards specified by BIS, from the 1M January, 2007.

2. GS.R. 496 (E) dated the 21*August, 2006, amending GS.R. 256 (E) dated the 1*6P* March, 1995, so as to restore with effect from the 21" August, 2006, central excise duty exemption on aH goods supplied for the SAMYUKTA Programme under the Ministry of Defence upto the 30th November, 2007.

3. GS.R. 658 (E) dated the20*' October, 2006, amending GS.R. 256 (E), dated the 16th March, 1995, so as to provide excise duty exemption to specified goods required for Project ASTRA of Ministry of Defence, with a validity upto the 31 * August, 2012.

4. GS.R. 664(E) dated the 25th October 2006, amending GS.R. 94(E), dated the 1** March, 2006, so as to exempt excise duty on resin bonded bamboo mat board, with or without veneer in between, falling under Chapter 44.

5. GS.R. 699 (E) dated the 14*' November2006, amending GS.R. 113 (E), dated the 1 * March, 2006, so as to clarify thai abatement of 37% of retail sale price is not applicable to lamps for automobiles.

6. G.S.R. 703 (E) dated the 15th November 2006, amending G.S.R 94 (E) dated the 1st March, 2006, so as to exempt excise duty on coir composite boards, coir matting boards and coir boards falling under heading 4410 or 4411 of the Central Excise tariff. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (6) *See* No. L.T. 4978/06]

(iii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, togetherwith Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

1. G.S.R. 494 (E) dated the 21st August, 2006, publishing Notification No. 81/2006-Customs, dated the 21 "August, 2006, amending G.S.R. 291 (E) dated the 23rd July, 1996, so as to restore the customs duty exemption on specified goods required for the purpose of SAMYU KTA Programme of Ministry of Defence with effect from the 21st August, 2006, upto the 30th November, 2007.

2. G.S.R. 508 (E) dated the 28,h August, 2006, publishing Notification No. 83/2006-Customs, dated the 28th August, 2006, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to extend exemption from customs duty on liquefied natural gas imported for the purpose of generating power to (i) Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Limited Dabhol, District Ratnagiri (Maharashtra); and (ii) any liquefied natural gas based mega power project with integrated liquefied natural gas re-gasification facility, which become defunct and subsequently revived and supply power generated in such plant to State Electricity Boards.

3. G.S.R. 513 (E) dated the 30th August, 2006, publishing Notification No.86/2006 Customs, dated the 30th August, 2006, amending G.S.R. 560 (E) dated the 31stAugust, 2004, so as to enable 82 items covered under the Indo-Thailand Early Harvest Scheme (EHS) to be imported at nil customs duty.

4. G.S.R. 530 (E) dated the 1st September, 2006, publishing Notification No.89/2006 Customs, dated the 1sl September, 2006, amending G.S.R. 497 (E) dated the 22nd July 2005, so as to extend the tariff concessions agreed to under the Third Round of Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (formerly known as Bangkok Agreement) to the member States, subject to their fulfilling the Rules of Origin criterion.

5. G.S.R. 536 (E) dated the 6m September, 2006, publishing Notification No. 92/2006-Customs, dated the 6th September, 2006, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, providing concessional rates of customs duty valid upto the 31 "October, 2006.

6. G.S.R. 545 (E) dated the 9th September, 2006, publishing Notification No. 97/2006-Customs, dated the 9th September, 2006, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to reduce the customs duty on wheat from 5% to Nil.

7. G.S.R. 620 (E) dated the 5,h October, 2006, publishing Notification No.104/2006-Customs, dated the 5th October, 2006, amending G.S.R. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to reduce customs duty on polycarbonates to 5% and Epicholorohydrin to 2% and to fully exempt Bis-phenol A from customs duty.

8. G.S.R. 657 (E) dated the 20th October, 2006, publishing Notification No. 110/2006 Customs, dated the 20lh October, 2006, amending G.S.R. 291(E) dated the 23rd July, 1996, so as to provide customs duties exemption to specified goods imported for Project ASTRA of Ministry of Defence, with a validity upto the 31s1 August, 2012.

9. G.S.R. 659 (E) dated the 23rd October, 2006, publishing Notification No.111/2006 Customs, dated the 23rt October, 2006, amending GSR. 118 (E) dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to continue the reduced rates of import duty on palm group of oils upto the 31s' December, 2006.

10. G.S.R. 696 (E) dated the 9th November 2006, amending G.S.R. 575 (E), dated the 13m July, 1994, so as to exempt customs duty on "Air Rifles/Pistols-0.177 calibres" imported by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) for the purpose of imparting training, subject to specified conditions. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (10) *See* No. L.T. 4979/06]

(iv) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (7) of section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:

1. G.S.R. 495 (E) dated the 21" August, 2006, publishing Notification No.82/2006 Customs, dated the 21 "August, 2006, imposing provisional anti-dumping duty on specified polyester yarns originating in or exported from Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei for a period of six months.

2. G.S.R. 511 (E) dated the 29th August, 2006, publishing Notification No.84/2006 Customs, dated the 29th August, 2006, provisionally exempting imports of nylon tyre cord fabrics, exported by M/s Junma Tyre Cord Company Ltd., People's Republic of China from anti-dumping duty imposed under GS. R. 248(E), dated the 27th April, 2005, pending the outcome of New Shipper Review.

3. G.S.R. 512 (E) dated the 29* August, 2006, publishing Notification No.85/2006 Customs, dated the 29th August, 2006, imposing final anti-dumping duty on specified nylon filament yarn originating in or exported from People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and People's Republic of Korea.

4. G.S.R. 523 (E) dated the 31" August, 2006, publishing Notification No.87/2006-Customs, dated the 31"August, 2006, extending the levy of anti-dumping duty upto the 5th day of September, 2007, on imports of Paracetamole originating in, or exported from, People's Republic of China, pending finalization of Sunset review investigation being conducted by the Directorate General of Anti-dumping and Allied duties.

5.- GS.R. 539 (E) dated the 7th September, 2006, publishing Notification No.93/2006-Customs, dated the 7th September, 2006, amending GS.R. 744(E), dated the 31st October, 2002, SQ as to make the final anti-dumping duty effective from the 11* February, 2002 *i.e.* the date of imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty.

6. GS.R. 540 (E) dated the 7* September, 2006, publishing Notification No.94/2006-Customs, dated the 7* September, 2006, seeking to impose final anti-dumping duty on imports of Cellophane Transparent Film, originating in or exported from People's Republic of China.

7. G.S.R. 543 (E) dated the *8** September, 2006, publishing Notification No.95/2006-Customs, dated the 8th September, 2006, amending G.S.R. 376 (E), dated the 1st May, 2003, so as to provide that no anti-dumping duty shall be imposed on imports into India of vitrified and porcelain tiles, produced and exported by the new shipper.

8. G.S.R. 544 (E) dated the 8th September, 2006, publishing Notification No.96/2006-Customs, dated the 8* September, 2006, rescinding GS.R. 650 (E), dated the 30th September, 2004, which had prescribed provisional assessment, on completion of new shipper review.

9. GS.R. 550 (E) dated the 13th September, 2006, publishing Notification No.98/2006-Customs, dated the 13th September, 2006, seeking to impose final anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Hydroxide commonly known as Caustic Soda, originating in or exported from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Japan, USA and France, at the rates recommended by the designated authority in the Sunset Review Findings.

10. GS.R. 551 (E) dated the 13m September, 2006, publishing Notification No.99/2006 Customs, dated the 13th September, 2006, rescinding GS.R. 461 (E), dated the 26th June, 2001, imposing definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Hydroxide commonly known as Caustic Soda, originating in or exported from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Japan, USA and France.

11. GS.R. 603 (E) dated the 29th September, 2006, publishing Notification No.100/2006 Customs, dated the 29th September, 2006, modifying anti-dumping duty on imports of D(-) Para Hydroxy Phenyl Glycine Base (PHPG Base), originating in, or exported from Singapore, at the rates recommended by the designated authority in the Mid-term Review Findings.

12. G.S.R. 604 (E) dated the 29th September, 2006, publishing Notification No. 101/2006 Customs, dated the 29th September, 2006, amending GS.R. 746 (E), dated the 31" October, 2002, so as to delete the entries relating to imports of D(-) Para Hydroxy Phenyl Glycine Base (PHPG Base) originating in or exported from Singapore, while keeping the entries relating to imports of said goods originating in, or exported from, People's Republic of China, unchanged.

13. G.S.R. 605 (E) dated the 29th September, 2006, publishing Notification No. 102/2006 Customs, dated the29m September, 2006, modifying anti-dumping duty on imports of D(-) Para Hydroxy Phenyl Glycine Methyl Potassium Dane Salt (PHPG Dane Salt), oiiginating in, or exported from Singapore, at the rates recommended by the designated authority in the Mid term Review Findings.

14. G.S.R. 606 (E) dated the 29th September, 2006, publishing Notification No. 103/2006 Customs, dated the 29th September, 2006, amending G.S.R. 582 (E), dated the 24th July, 2003, so as to delete the entries relating to imports of D(-) Para Hydroxy Phenyl Glycine Methyl Potassium Dane Salt (PHPG Dane Salt) originating in or exported from Singapore, while keeping the entries relating to imports of said goods originating in, or exported from, People's Republic of China, unchanged.

15. G.S.R. 622 (E) dated the 6th October, 2006, publishing Notification No. 105/2006 Customs, dated the 6th October, 2006, imposing anti-dumping duty on imports of Compact disc-Recordables (CD-Rs) falling under tariff heading 8523 90 50 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, originating in or exported from People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Chinese Taipei.

16. G.S.R. 625 (E) dated the 9th October, 2006, publishing Notification No.106/2006-Customs, dated the *9m* October, 2006, imposing final anti dumping duty on imports of bias tyres falling against tariff items 4011 20 90, 4012 90 49 and 4013 10 20 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, originating in or exported from People's Republic of China and Thailand, consequent upon the preliminary findings of the Designated Authority.

17. G.S.R. 628 (E) dated the 10th October, 2006, publishing Notification No.107/2006-Customs, dated the IO* October, 2006, rescinding G.S.R. 481 (E), dated the 19* July, 2005, so that all pending provisionaJ assessment can be finalized and duty collected in terms of Notification No.73/2003 Customs, dated the 1* May, 2003.

18. G.S.R. 641 (E) dated the 16th October, 2006, publishing Notification No.108/2006-Customs, dated the 16"[1] October, 2006,

imposing final anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Hydrosulphite, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China, at the rates recommended by the designated authority in the Sunset Review Findings.

19. G.S.R. 642 (E) dated the 16th October, 2006, publishing Notification No.109/2006-Customs, dated the 16th October, 2006, rescinding G.S.R. 820 (E), dated the 2nd November, 2001, imposing definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of Sodium Hydrosulphite, originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (19) *See* No. L.T. 4980/06]

I. Report and Accounts (2005-06) of Scooters India Limited, Lucknow and related papers

II. Report and Accounts (2005-06) of the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP), New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): Sir, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:

(a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report and Accounts of the Scooters India Limited, Lucknow, for the year 2005-2006, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4957/06]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP), New Delhi, for the year 2005-2006, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4956/06]